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“The old order changeth – yielding place to new – and God fulfills Himself in many ways . . .”
Alfred Lord Tennyson, ‘Morte d’Arthur’

OPPORTUNITY

Our view is that a fast-collapsing Trinidad and Tobago has a once-in-a-lifetime chance for an unjust and

DANGER OF A PERMANENT TRIBAL DICTATORSHIP

The ‘old order’, that has failed so dismally, and is taking us ‘willy nilly’ to the brink of a pit of fire, is one th

REJECTION OF DIVISIVE TRIBAL POLITICS

We have also long been politically corrupted with divisive ‘tribal’ nationalism that recognized ‘tribal’ solid

THE PHILOSOPHY OF DIVERSITY

For that dream to come true we must first recognize our unique tribal ‘diversity’ in these Caribbean island

A CLEVER BRITISH TOKEN RESPONSE TO OUR TRIBAL DIVERSITY

In the final phase of their rule the British colonial government cleverly responded to Trinidad and Tobago

DR. WILLIAMS AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S TRIBAL DIVERSITY

Dr. Eric Williams, the African, who was the first Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, perhaps never re

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM FOR BANISHING DIVISIVE TRIBAL POLITICS

I believe that we can successfully pursue an effort for such constitutional reform as can offer a way out o

We must first reject a political system that allows one tribe to rule over all other tribes on the basis of 'wi

A PRECEDENT FOR A MODEL OF A PLURAL STATE IN ISLAM AND IN GANDHI'S POLITICAL PH

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) created a plural model of a state while successfully respondi

THE TRIBE AS THE UNIT OF THE STATE IN A PLURAL POLITY

In a homogeneous polity all members of the polity share the same supreme loyalty and hence it is possi

POLITICAL EQUALITY OF ALL TRIBES IN A MODEL OF A PLURAL STATE

A model of a plural state is one which first extends political recognition to the tribal diversity of a polity, and

Secondly, the model of a plural state respects the multiplicity of supreme loyalties of tribes within the state.

Such a political system thus witnesses a just and equitable power-sharing that delivers political stability and

A 'power-sharing' agreement is, first of all, one which is designed to protect the basic rights and interests of

Our own formula for power-sharing needs to be discussed, negotiated and agreed upon, and for this purpose

TRIBAL AUTONOMY AND THE MODEL OF A PLURAL STATE

But we seek something more than the proper political management of our diversity that would establish

A VOICE FOR ALL IN PARLIAMENT

The model of a plural state is one in which all tribes would have an independent voice in parliament and

CONCLUSION

This country can no longer turn a blind eye to the political implications of its wondrous diversity. Nor should